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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 98,429)

In the Application of:)
Karl W. Hasel and Brian S. Hilbush)
Serial No.: 09/186,869)
Filed: November 4, 1998)
For: Method for Indexing and)
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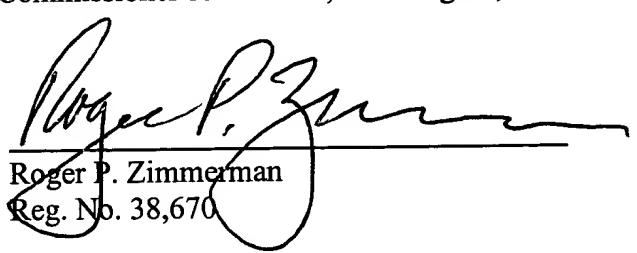
Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - A. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment;
 - B. Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required.
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned also hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 29th day of October, 1999.

By:


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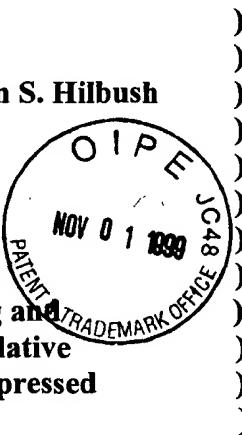
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks for examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 19, line 17, please change "is as is step (i)" to --is as in step (i)--.

On page 20, line 25, please change "step (i)" to --step (i)--.

On page 20, line 26, please change "step (i)" to --step (i)--.

On page 27, line 6-7, please change "C-G-A-C-G-G-T-A-T-C-G-G-T-G-C-A" to
--C-G-A-C-G-G-T-A-T-C-G-G-T-G-C-A--.

On page 27, line 7-8, please change "C-G-A-C-G-G-T-A-T-C-G-G-A-G-C-A" to
--C-G-A-C-G-G-T-A-T-C-G-G-A-G-C-A--.